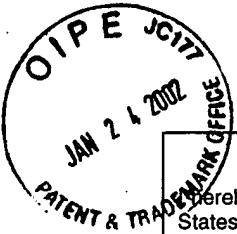


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to an Office Action, dated July 26, 2001, mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Paper No. 11). The Office Action set a shortened statutory period for response to expire on October 26, 2001. This Amendment is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response.

No fee, petition, or certification is required.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.